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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATION DATE1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDERS

3d Marines(-)(Reinf)

Colonel M. A. ROLL

SUBORDINATE UNITS

HqCo 3d Marines

(1-30 June)

1st Lieutenant G. D. KROCZKOWSKI

Co B(-)(Reinf) 3d

Captain B. M. RANTA

Engr Bn (1-30 June)

1st Bn, 3d Marines(-)

(1-5, 25-30 June)

Lieutenant Colonel C. V. JARMAN

(1-5 June)

Major ROCHFORD (25-30 June)

Lieutenant Colonel M. DAVIS

2nd Bn, 3d Marines

(25-30 June)

3d Bn, 3d Marines(-)

(1-30 June)

Lieutenant Colonel J. W. MARSH

1st Amtrac Bn(-)(Rein)

(1-30 June)

Lieutenant Colonel G. F. MEYERS

1st Bn, 9th Marines(-)

(1-2 June)

Lieutenant Colonel M. V. PALATAS

C Co, 1st Bn, 8th Cav,

Captain C. P. SCHELL

1st Cav Div (AM) (5-17 June)

D Co, 1st Bn, 9th Cav

Captain W. A. CHABOUDY

1st Cav Div (AM) (17-30 June)

A Troop, 3d Squadron 5th Cavalry

Captain S. S. McLAUGHLIN

Armored Cav Div (5-20 June)

C Troop, 3d Squadron 5th Cavalry

Captain P. McFERRALL

Armored Cav Div (20-30 June)

NOTE: Unless otherwise indicated, commanders commanded their units for the entire period the unit was under 3d Marines control.

2. LOCATION

1-30 June: QUANG TRI Province, COA VIET River Complex, CAMP KISTLER (349694).

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Lieutenant Colonel V. R. STUART
(1-30 June)

S-1

Captain C. G. GIPSON (1-30 June)

S-2

Major J. G. HANRAHAN (1-30 June)

S-3

Major D. J. MURPHY (1-30 June)

ALO

Major D. J. RILEY (1-30 June)

S-3A

First Lieutenant R. T. B. STONE
(1-30 June)

S-3A/NBC Employment Off

First Lieutenant R. R. RICE
(12-30 June)

S-3A/NBC Defense Off

First Lieutenant P. J. WYLES
(1-30 June)

S-3A/Sniper Plt Ldr

First Lieutenant G. J. SPAIDE
(1-30 June)

S-4

Major B. W. ADAMS (1-30 June)

S-4A/Regt Supp Off

First Lieutenant R. R. RICE
(1-11 June)

S-4A/Emb Off

First Lieutenant J. L. HICKMAN
(1-30 June)

HqCo Supply Off

Captain V. E. WALLACE (1-30 June)

Asst Supply Off

Second Lieutenant R. G. HOWIE
(1-30 June)

MTO

First Lieutenant D. M. BIENVENOUR
(1-30 June)

Regt Comm Off

Major J. F. O'BRIEN (1-5 June)

Asst Comm Off

Captain A. A. JANSSEN (6-30 June)

S-5

Second Lieutenant W. O. WELDON
(1-30 June)

Chaplain

First Lieutenant W. M. PUGH
(1-30 June)

Regt Surgeon

Commander F. R. McALISTER, CHC, USN
(1-30 June)Lieutenant B. D. MASON, MC, USNR
(1-30 June)4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

01 June: During the day, all units conducted routine day activities in their assigned AO's. At 2100, PPS-5 radar at C-4 detected 10-15 NVA/VC in vic 297713. Ambush in area was alerted, but no further sightings were made. At 2315, NOD at C-4 detected 10-15 NVA/VC in vic 293719. 81mm mortar mission was fired and 1 secondary explosion was observed.

02 June: At 0125, I/3/3 in vic 265650 fired small arms at 1 NVA/VC approaching their perimeter. Area was searched and 1 IWC was found. At 0200, Antrac Bn ambush in vic 229713 observed 20-30 NVA/VC 75 meters from their position and engaged them with small arms and 81mm mortars. Area was searched and blood and drag marks were found. At 0730, 3d Marines passed OPCON of command group 1/9 with A Company to 3d MARDIV. At 0955, CAMP KISTLER received 10 rounds of enemy arty from vic 225825 resulting in 1 WIA (MED EVAC) and 1 WIA (MINOR). Counter battery missions were fired with unknown results. At 1045, 3d Marines passed OPCON of D/1/9 to 3d MARDIV. During the day, K/3/3 swept the hamlet of DAI DO (254629) without incident, while B/1/3 moved to vic 262632, and I/3/3 moved to vic 271704 to establish patrol base sites. At 1855, I/3/3 received unknown amount of enemy 85mm arty from direction of 6000 mils resulting in no casualties. Counter battery missions were fired, and an AO checked possible gun position with negative results. At 2330, PPS-5 and starlight scope at C-4 observed 7 NVA/VC in vic 294728. Arty mission utilizing "FIRECRACKER" ordnance was fired with unknown results.

03 June: At 0540, C/1/3 ambush in vic 328655 spotted a sampan in vic 332655 moving north. Warning shots were fired and boat sped up moving away from the ambush. More warning shots were fired and boat came ashore. 2 VN civilians were on board, 1 with slight leg wound. He was sent to QUANG TRI for medical treatment and curfew violation was reported to District HQ. At 1030, M/3/3 in vic 262686 found 1 NVA pack with 2 radio headsets, 2 batteries, and 1 U.S. writing pad. All items forwarded to 3d Marines. At 1800, B/1/3 patrol in vic 251631 found 17 82mm rounds, 12 RPG rounds, 5 CHICOM grenades, and assorted small arms ammo and destroyed all ordnance in place. At 2245, I/3/3 in vic 266706 spotted 1 NVA/VC with infrared light from tank and fired .30 cal MG at him. Checked area at first light with negative results. At

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2300, PPS-5 at C-4 observed 2 NVA/VC in vic 301779 moving southwest. 81mm mortar mission was fired with unknown results. 2nd ARVN Regt was notified.

04 June: During the day, I and K/3/3 in the northern portions of their AO questioned over 250 VN civilians moving to harvest rice in 3d Marines' AO. At 1000, I/3/3 in vic 283713 found 52 bunkers, 19 CHICOM grenades, 4 82mm rounds, 9 RPG-2 rounds, 1 NVA radio, assorted small arms ammo and NVA 782 gear, 16 NVA KIA (approximately 1 week old), and 2 IWC. Weapons were forwarded to 3d Marines and all ordnance and bunkers were destroyed. At 1930, 3d Marines passed OPCON of command group 1/3 with C Company to 3d MARDIV. At 1953, Amtrac Bn LVT in vic 299735 received fire from 4-5 NVA/VC in vic 303744. Arty mission was fired on the enemy with unknown results. At 2050, I/3/3 in vic 267703 observed 3 NVA/VC and engaged them with small arms. Area was searched with negative results.

05 June: At 0730, 3d Marines passed OPCON of B/1/3 to 3d MARDIV. At 0900, I/3/3 in vic 267704 received 15 rounds of 85mm arty from direction of 6000 mils sustaining no casualties. Counter battery missions were fired in vic 282705 with unknown results. At 0947, 1 UH34 made an emergency landing in the ocean in vic 352697 due to engine failure. All personnel were rescued unharmed by 1 UH1E and 1 LVT. The UH34 was recovered at 1730 and evacuated to DANANG. At 1000, 3d Marines assumed OPCON of C Company, 1st Bn, 8th Cav (USA) from 3d MARDIV and passed OPCON of C Company to 1st Amtrac Bn. C/1/8 (USA) deployed in vic 355674. At 1200, K/3/3 in vic 245670 found 3 500 lb bombs, 2 90mm rounds, 8 60mm rounds, 1 LAAW, 4 8 inch rounds, 4 105mm rounds, 4 82mm rounds, 2 CHICOM grenades, and 1 RPG-2 round. All ordnance was destroyed in place. At 1230, 3d Marines assumed OPCON of A troop, 3d Squadron, 5th Armored Cav (USA). A/3/5 (USA) deployed in vic 348688, and C/1/8 (USA) joined them at that position to establish a patrol base site. At 1340, M/3/3 in vic 276692 detonated an unknown type mine resulting in 1 KIA. Area was searched for more mines but none were found. At 1500, 3d Marines passed OPCON of 1/3 to 3d MARDIV and the remaining elements of 1/3 were helo lifted from 3d Marines AO. At 2200, NGF spot team in vic 293753 observed 20 NVA/VC in vic 278713 and called in 68 NGF rounds on the enemy with unknown results.

06 June: At 0100, PPS-5 radar at C-4 detected 12 NVA/VC moving north in vic 290715. Arty FIRECRACKER mission was fired

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with unknown results. At 0930H, K/3/3 in vic 248631 found 40 60mm mortar rounds, 4 57mm rounds, 10 CHICOM grenades, 200 lbs of rice, and 1 AT recoilless rifle round. Rice and all ordnance was destroyed except the AT recoilless rifle round which was forwarded to 3d Marines. At 1530, M/3/3 in vic 267699 found 1 IWC buried in the sand and forwarded it to 3d Marines.

07 June: At 0701, an AO directed 4 fixed wing air strikes on enemy positions in vic 246754. Results: 2 secondary explosions, and 9 supply boxes, 3 supply caches, 2 bunkers, and 6 fighting holes destroyed. At 1240, M48 tank with A/3/5 (USA) detonated AT mine in vic 254653 resulting in no casualties and 1 track destroyed, VN civilian in area was questioned with negative results. At 1255, I/3/3 in vic 267703 found and destroyed 45 CHICOM grenades, 6 60mm mortar grenades, 40 RPG-2 rounds, 13 rifle grenades, 1 m-26 grenade, and 14 lbs of TNT with fuse attached. At the same time, CAMP KISTLER tower and Amtrac Bn OP in 298741 spotted 7-10 NVA in vic 276775. Tower adjusted 4.2 inch mortar on NVA. NVA fled into treeline. Results: unknown. At 2100, PPS-5 and NOD at C-4 observed 21 NVA/VC in vic 299697 and 304698 moving southeast. 81mm mortar and arty missions were fired. Areas were checked at first light with negative results. At 2245, river patrol craft observed 3 NVA/VC in vic 310685 and took them under fire with unknown results. Elements of 3/3 checked area at first light with negative results.

08 June: At 0500, Amtrac Bn OP in vic 298741 observed movement in 298747 and fired small arms at suspected enemy with unknown results. At 0825, I/3/3 in vic 266705 found 5 NVA KIA buried in bunker by air strikes or arty. Also found 5 IWC and assorted gear and small arms ordnance. All ordnance was destroyed and weapons were forwarded to 3d Marines. At 0915, LVT preceded by engineer sweep team detonated AT mine in vic 337703 resulting in 15 track blocks and 2 road wheels damaged. Negative casualties sustained. During the day, I and M/3/3 provided blocking positions in vic 270706 and 259700, respectively, for 2nd ARVN Regt.

09 June: At 0025, river patrol craft in vic 265627 was fired upon by unknown type explosive rounds taking 2 or 3 direct hits resulting in 1 KIA, 2 WIA (MED EVAC), 2 WIA (MINOR), and 1 MIA. Craft was disabled and was towed to CUA VIET ramp at first light. Casualties not included in 3d

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Marines totals. At 0245, river patrol craft in vic 258623 was fired upon by 1 RPG round resulting in no damage or casualties. Craft returned fire with .50 caliber MG. At 0315 and 0350, patrol craft again received RPG fire in vic 248623 craft returned fire with .50 caliber MG. No damage or casualties were sustained in any of the incidents. During the day, L/3/3 conducted sweep in DAI DO hamlet area vic 254629 finding some evidence of NVA, but made no sightings or contacts. At 0925, CAMP KISTLER received 15 rounds of 85mm arty from vic 240825 resulting in no casualties or damage. Counter battery missions were fired with unknown results. At 1126, M/3/3 sweeping in vic 266684 found 1 IWC and forwarded it to 3d Marines. At 1250, M/3/3 in vic 266902 received 20 rounds of 100mm arty from direction of 5500 mils resulting in no casualties. Counter battery missions were fired. At 1320, I/3/3 in vic 263713 received 13 rounds of 130mm or 152mm arty from direction of 5300 mils resulting in no casualties. Counter battery missions were fired with unknown results. During the afternoon C/1/8 (USA) and A/3/5 (USA) completed sweep of the hamlet of BO BANG in vic 336635 without incident. At 1800, I/3/3 in vic 261712 received 14 rounds of 85mm arty resulting in no casualties. At 2000, B Co, Amtrac Bn at C-4 observed 4 - 6 NVA in vic 291717 and called arty mission on them with unknown results. NVA disappeared to the west. At 2300, A Co, Amtrac Bn patrol in vic 333705 observed 6 NVA/VC moving south in vic 330705 and engaged them with small arms. Contact was lost as NVA moved out of sight to the south.

10 June: During the day, C/1/8 (USA) and A/3/5 (USA) conducted sweep of LE XUYEN in vic 345635 without incident. All other units conducted routine day and night activities. At 2245, M/3/3 in vic 295675 found 1 IWC buried in the sand and forwarded it to 3d Marines.

11 June: At 0930 and 0955, CAMP KISTLER tower reported active enemy arty at 22888541. Arty mission was fired with unknown results. At 1200, K/3/3 in vic 245674 found 2 500 lb bombs, 6 105mm howitzer duds, 2 60mm mortar duds, 14 2.75 inch rocket duds, 2 lbs TNT, 10 RPG-7 rounds, 2 CHICOM grenades, 5 82mm rounds, and 2 60mm rounds. All ordnance was blown in place. At 1310, I/3/3 observed 8 - 10 suspected NVA in vic 282692 and called 81mm mortar and arty missions on them with unknown results. Area was checked at first light with negative results.

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12 June: At 0800, 3d Marines assumed OPCON of A/1/8 (USA) from 3d MARDIV and passed OPCON of C/1/9 (USA) to 3d MARDIV. At 1035, A/3/5 (USA), while conducting sweep to vic 335625, spotted 1 group of 9 NVA/VC and another group of 3 NVA/VC in vic 355618 and engaged enemy with small arms. Enemy returned fire and crossed to the south bank of the river at 349615. A/3/5 (USA) pursued the enemy to vic 349615 where numerous fresh bunkers, tunnels, and spider holes were located and destroyed. A VN poster, a pamphlet, and 2 old blood stained bandages were also found. Poster and sign were forwarded to 3d Marines. At 1400, L/3/3 patrol in vic 283619 found 1 m-26 grenade and 1 C-rat can filled with explosives both rigged as surprise firing devices. Devices were marked and later destroyed by PF's. At the same time, corpsman with the patrol treated VN man with napalm burns. Man had been treated previously but needed further aid. At 1600, L/3/3, while sweeping to vic 305679, found 1 RPG-2 round, 2 NVA packs, 175 lbs of rice, and 4 bunkers near a hooch. All items and bunkers were destroyed. During the day, L/3/3 conducted a MED CAP in vic 273628 treating 70 - 80 VN and improving relations with an estimated 650 VN who came to the MED CAP. At 1835, Amtrac Bn patrol in vic 324697 received 3 rounds of small arms fire from 3 NVA/VC in vic 327694. Patrol did not return fire because of range and proximity to VN civilians in resettlement hamlet.

13 June: At 0500, B Co, Amtrac Bn, OP in vic 293754 observed 10 NVA carry loads on their backs and moving north in vic 272750. Fired NGF missions and .50 caliber MG. Fire was directed at the enemy with unknown results. During the morning A/1/8 (USA) and A/3/5 (USA) conducted a sweep to AN TRACH in vic 355622 without incident. At 1000, L/3/3 patrol in vic 288702 found 1 AK-47, 5 NVA packs, 2 bottles of morphine, 3 battle dressing, 1 15 lb satchel charge, 1 60mm mortar round, 3 RPG-2 rounds, 25 packets of food, and assorted NVA 762 gear. All ordnance was destroyed. Gear and weapons was forwarded to 3d Marines. At 2135, X/3/3 observed undetermined number of NVA/VC in tree line in vic 258626 and fired small arms at them. Movement ceased. Area was checked at first light with negative results. At 2323, CAMP KISTLER received 61 rounds of heavy arty from vic 220825, 284824, 233823, and 233802 resulting in 12 fuel bladders and 130,000 gallons of fuel destroyed, 2 NSAD huts destroyed, all NSAD rough terrain fork lifts damaged, and 3 USMC KIA (MINOR). Arty and NGF missions were fired with unknown results. At 0220, B Co, Amtrac Bn OP in vic 293752

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observed 3 groups of NVA/VC totalling 7 individuals 1500 meters northwest of their position. OP took them under fire with machine guns and small arms, and NGF missions were fired with unknown results. Checked area at first light and found 1 wounded VC, 1 IWC, and assorted papers and gear which was forwarded to 3d Marines, POW was MED EVACED. At 0330, I/3/3 and A/1/8 (USA) supported by 1st Amtrac Bn linked up and cordoned the resettlement hamlet from vic 335701 to 312685.

14 June: At first light a search of the resettlement hamlet from vic 335701 to 312685 was conducted and completed in the late afternoon with negative findings. At 1415, 3d Marines passed OPORD of I/3/3 to 3d MARDIV. All units conducted routine day and night activities without incident. At 2130, I/3/3 ambush was alerted by SID of 2 suspected NVA/VC crossing the stream heading northeast in vic 265702. Ambush fired small arm and 81mm mortar and arty missions on the enemy. Area was searched at first light and a blood trail, 1 NVA pack, 2 50 lb satchel charges, 3 CHIOM grenades, 1 RPD MG drum magazine, 1 140mm rocket, and 2 40mm grenade launcher rounds were found. The rocket and pack was forwarded to 3d Marines and the ordnance was destroyed.

15 June: At 0830, B Co, Amtrac Bn OP in vic 294754 spotted 6 NVA/VC in vic 270784 and called in 30 rounds of NGF on them with unknown results. During the morning elements of Amtrac Bn conducted a MED GAP in the resettlement hamlet in vic 327698. At 2030, a helicopter inbound to I/3/3's position to extract 1 NBO received ground fire from vic 286724 resulting in no damage or casualties. Helo returned fire with unknown results and completed MED EVAC without further incident.

16 June: At 0110, a coastal patrol swift boat in vic 305755 was sunk by ordnance believed to have been delivered by some form of aircraft. A coast guard cutter in the area recovered 2 wounded personnel from the water and brought them back to CAMP KISTLER where 3d Marines coordinated their emergency evacuation. At 1930, the tower at CAMP KISTLER spotted unidentified helo aircraft in DMZ and called NGF. Mission was fired with unknown results. At 2000, 1st Amtrac Bn observed 1 enemy in the water at 291650. The enemy was taken under small arms fire with unknown results. At 2040, A Co, 1st Amtrac Bn spotted 1 NVA/VC moving in vic 335693. While taking individual under fire, another NVA/VC appeared and both returned fire at A Co elements and departed toward PHO HOI (3568). PF and RVN junk fleet forces searched area

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but were unable to locate the enemy. At 2055, K/3/3 at 297652 fired on a junk moving in a northerly direction 300 m. from their position. The junk beached and no further movement could be observed.

17 June: At 0035, A Co, 1st Amtrac Bn spotted an unknown number of NVA/VC moving south and called in an arty mission. Area was checked at first light with negative results. At 0230, I/3/3 LP at 267708 spotted 4 personnel 100 m. from their position with what appeared to be a larger group of personnel beyond the 4. Arty and mortar missions were fired into the area but a check at first light turned up nothing. At 0445, elements of A Co, 1st Amtrac Bn at 237758 fired on 2 NVA/VC moving northwest via 280750. 16 more NVA/VC appeared and an arty mission was adjusted. An AO checked area at first light with negative results. At 1545, D Co, 1st of 9th, 1st Air Cav Div (USA) relieved C Co, 1st of 8th; 1st Air Cav Div (USA) in support of 3d Marines. At 1725, I/3/3 reported that a bulldozer working at 267704 uncovered a 60mm mortar base plate and 1 SKS rifle. Both items were forwarded to 3d Marines S-2. At 2146, elements of A Co, 1st Amtrac Bn at 293754 reported sighting 3 enemy holes and north of the BEN HAI river. An arty mission was adjusted with good target coverage but unknown results.

18 June: At 0345, elements of A Co, 1st Amtrac Bn and NGF team observed 12 fully equipped NVA/VC moving north via 285746. An arty mission was fired with unknown results. At 1525, 15 CIT apprehended a Kit Carson Scout attached to 1st Amtrac Bn. The scout was suspected of giving aid to VC. At 1917, D/1/9 (USA) spotted 5 NVA/VC via 346620. A male and female wearing civilian clothes were spotted in the group and when taken under fire the male seemed to have been wounded. At 2010, D/1/9 (USA) apprehended a man with a gunshot wound in the chest who was believed to have been the male involved in the earlier incident. The detainee was med evaced. At 2130, 3/3's ambush via 270670 spotted 3 - 5 NVA/VC 150 m. north of their position moving east. The ambush opened fire with small arms and called in an artillery "FIRECRACKER" mission. A check of the area at first light had negative results. At 2241, elements of A Co, 1st Amtrac Bn at 310722 using PPS-5 sighted 7 NVA/VC moving southwest via 298716. The movement stopped when an 81mm mortar mission was adjusted with good target coverage. At 2400, an I/3/3 OP heard movement along wire via 270704. After checking to see if friendly elements in area the OP fired at the movement killing one

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Marine and wounding another. 3/30 conducting investigation to determine cause of accident.

19 June: At 0006, van A/3/5 (USA) ambush made contact with 15 - 20 NVA/VC. Small arms fire was exchanged and several enemy appeared to fall during the engagement but no enemy bodies were recovered. At 1215, local security from I/3/3 at 263704 received 2 rounds sniper fire from vic 250707. Arty and mortar missions were fired on the suspected sniper position. An AD checked the area but saw nothing. At 1530, D/1/9 (USA) while conducting a company sweep vic 359664 observed 1 VN male run from cover to the village. The male was apprehended and was found to be carrying a U.S. helmet and a carrying case for a foreign weapon. The detainee was turned over to 15 OIA for interrogation. At 1620, a Marine from I/3/3 at 267706 accidentally shot himself in foot while cleaning his rifle. The Marine was MED EVAC and an investigation was initiated. At 1930, elements of A Co, 1st Antrac Bn observed 8 to 10 NVA/VC in the open vic 250832. A NGF mission was fired with unknown results. At 2120, elements of A Co, 1st Antrac Bn at 289751 used a HOP and Xenon searchlight to sight a spherical shaped hole with 2 rotors flying at an attitude of approx 1500 ft. This info was passed to Division G-2. At 2235, elements of A Co, 1st Antrac Bn at 289751, using a starlight scope and Xenon searchlight observed 10 - 15 NVA moving north vic 286756. A mortar mission was fired with unknown results. At 2311, CAMP KISTLER received 57 rounds of light and medium arty from 2474583390 and 2466082980. The ammo dump on the north bank of the CUA VIET River received several direct hits causing a fire and numerous secondary explosions. Counter battery on enemy position resulted in 7 secondary explosions and a TPQ added 1 more secondary. Only 1 WIA (MINOR) was sustained.

20 June: At 0055, elements of A Co, 1st Antrac Bn at 289755 using a Xenon searchlight observed 4 NVA moving north vic 282751. An arty mission was fired with excellent target coverage but results are unknown. At 0115 elements of A Co, 1st Antrac Bn at 289755 using PPS-5 and starlight scope observed 3 NVA moving northwest at 290718. An 81mm mortar mission was fired with unknown results. At 0155, A Co, 1st Antrac Bn at 289755 reported 3 active arty pieces at 230830. A NGF mission was adjusted and 6 secondary explosions were observed. At 0225, elements of A Co, 1st Antrac Bn at 313723 using PPS-5 detected 5 - 10 NVA/VC moving northwest

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at 295706, an 81mm mortar mission was fired with excellent target coverage, results unknown. At 0730, C Co, 3d of 5th Armored Cav relieved A/3/5 Armored Cav and commenced company sweep of 3366 and 3365. At 0920, a 1st Amtrac Bn resupply tractor discovered a 15 lb AT mine at 306735. The mine was forwarded to 3d Marines S-2. At 1545, a squad patrol of I/3/3 observed a man digging. The squad received fire from tree-line vic 268699 and the man ran toward the direction of fire. Arty and mortar missions were fired into the tree-line with unknown results.

21 June: At 0230, elements of D/1/9 (USA) at 348683 observed one man signalling to 2 other men via 347683. D/1/9 returned fire when they received SAF from individuals. A check at first light had negative results. D/1/9 and C/3/5 commenced a sweep and IED CAP in AN TRACH (3562) and LE KUMEN (3463). The one day operation was completed without significant event. At 2015, elements of D/1/9 observed movement vic 335648. Fire was initiated at movement and a search of area at 2224 revealed 1 NVA KIA with a 9mm canadian pistol. H&H's were fired into area throughout the night. At 2019, elements of A Co, 1st Amtrac Bn at C-4 observed 2 lights in tree-line vic 312731. After a 60mm mortar mission was fired 4 NVA/VC were observed with a NOD. 81mm mortar mission and .30 cal MG were initiated at enemy causing one small secondary explosion vic 307733. Negative further sightings were made in this area. At 2024, CAMP KISTLER received 11 rounds of mixed light and medium artillery. 3d Platoon, 1st Armored Amphibious Tractor Co received one direct hit on a WP ammo bunker, resulting in 7 WIA (MINOR)... Arty and UGF counter battery fire vic 259797 and 250837 resulted in 4 secondary explosions. At 2130, B Co, 1st Amtrac Bn at C-4 received 2 rounds of unknown size arty from vic 235838. No casualties were sustained.

22 June: At 0118, elements of A Co, 1st Amtrac Bn at C-4 observed 2 small groups of NVA/VC moving northwest vic 317732. 81mm mortar mission 30 and 50 cal MG and 90mm howitzer rounds were fired into area but a check at first light had negative results. At 0220, a LP from I/3/3 challenged an individual near wire at 271704. A claymore mine and 2 grenades were fired when individual tried to escape. The area was checked at first light but nothing was found. D/1/9 and C/3/5 conducted a sweep of BO BANG (3362) and VINH LAI (3263) but had no significant findings. At 1815, CAMP KISTLER tower reported 15 NVA/VC swimming in

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ocean at 253815. NGF mission and 4.50 cal were fired and enemy retreated into treeline. At 1915, I/3/3 received sniper rounds from vic 282707. 2 individuals were spotted in the area and an arty mission was fired with unknown results. At 2000, A Co, 1st Amtrac Bn at C-4 received 3 rounds SAF from vic 310728. No action was taken. At 2247, B Co, 1st Amtrac Bn at 324704 observed 5 - 8 NVA/VC moving south into the resettlement ville at 325704. Enemy were taken under fired with M-79 and M-60 MG with negative results.

23 June: At 0700, D/1/9 and C/3/5 while conducting a sweep of the southern part of the AO apprehended 7 NVA/VC suspects (including a female) vic 383648. Assorted clothing and uniforms, a NVA canteen and mess gear, 1 small case of explosives and 20 NVA plasters were found in the same area. The detainees and gear were forwarded to 3d Marines S-2. (3 of the 7 detainees were later released by 15 CIT as innocent civilians). At 1931, A Co, 1st Amtrac Bn at 290750 observed 10 NVA/VC swimming vic 253813. A NGF mission was adjusted with unknown results. At 2300, A Co, 1st Amtrac Bn, using a starlight scope, at 292753 observed lights moving between Tiger Island and the mouth of the BEN HAI River. The sighting was reported to Division for action.

24 June: At 0015, Camp Kistler received 44 rounds of medium arty resulting in damage to one POL bladder and 2 WIA (MINOR). Arty and NGF fired counter battery on suspected enemy arty positions. At 0232, elements of A/1st Amtrac Bn using a starlight scope and PPS-5 observed 10-15 NVA/VC vic 297719. An arty mission was fired with good target coverage but results are unknown. At 0410, Camp Kistler tower reported observing one secondary explosion resulting from a TPQ. C/3/5 and D/1/9 (USA) completed a sweep of TUONG VAN (3368) without incident. At 0600, 3/3 elements of 282668 apprehended one VN male inside perimeter. At 1013, an LVT of 1st Amtrac Bn on a resupply mission south of C-4 hit a 40 lb homemade mine resulting in damage to 1 LVT and 1 WIA (MED EVAC) and 2 WIA (MINOR). At 1400, elements of K/3/3 at 254647 found and destroyed 12 bunkers, 10 60mm rounds, and 200 lbs of rice. At 1830, elements of I/3/3 at 255699 while adjusting a NGF mission in PHO CON spotted 4 NVA/VC running to a treeline vic 251708. The NGF was adjusted on the treeline with unknown results. At 2350, A/1st Amtrac Bn using PPS-5 at C-4 observed 5-6 NVA/VC vic 299726. An 81mm mortar mission was fired and observation was lost.

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25 June: C/3/5 and D/1/9 (USA) commenced sweep of B0 BANG (337630), BA LA (327632), PHUOC LE (313630) and NHU LY (315633). At 0900, 3d Marines passed responsibility for Napoleon/Saline AO to 1st Antrac Bn and displaced CP to C-2 in order to conduct regimental operations in Leatherneck Square. At 1030, 3d Marines Command Group A arrived at C-2 to conduct a regimental operation in Leatherneck Square with 1/3, 2/3 and 3/3.

26 June: At 0700, the operation commenced with 2/3 jumping off. By 1030, 1/3 and 3/3 had been successfully hololifted into their attack positions without incident. All battalions began moving with only minor delay for evacuation of heat casualties. At 1440, M/3/3 vic 170703 discovered 18 bunkers and fighting holes which had not been used recently. At 1535, 1/3/3 received fire from bunkers vic 173695 sustaining 1 KIA and 15 WIA (MED EVAC) and 1 WIA (MINOR). The company returned fire and called in arty missions and fixed wing air strikes which resulted in several secondary explosions. By 1735, the contact which was believed to be an enemy platoon was broken. Air reported that 3 automatic weapons positions and 25 bunkers were destroyed, 5 bunkers were damaged, and 6 enemy were killed during the strikes. At 2105, after all units had consolidated and set in for the night, 3/3 reported receiving 30 rounds 60mm mortar from vic 155702. Counter battery fire was initiated. No casualties were sustained.

27 June: At 0900, the operation continued with 3/3 moving through the area of the previous days contact, while 1/3 and 2/3 held their positions. At 1045, 1/3/3 at 170693 found and destroyed 8 4 man bunkers. At 1100, K/3/3 vic 176697 found and destroyed 7 bunkers which appeared to have been used within the last 24 hours. At 1110, 1/3/3 at 172693 found and destroyed 6 more 4 man bunkers. At 1300, 1/3/3 at 172693 found 2 more bunkers containing 2 packs, AK-47 rounds, and assorted gear. The bunkers were destroyed. At 1640, H/2/3 at 271640 tripped a surprise firing device sustaining 1 WIA (MED EVAC). At 1740, 3/3 reported L Co at 192688 found 13 4x6x6 camouflaged bunkers which had been used recently and L Co at 177695 found 12-2 man fighting holes. At 1925, 1/3 reported finding 2 AT mines, 5 claymore mines, 3 M-26 grenades, and 1 81mm rounds vic 166686 and 177687. Some of the items were rigged as surprise firing devices. At 2208, 3/3 reported firing at movement west of I and M companies. An 1/3/3 LP engaged 4 NVA moving up the trail vic 195709 with M-79 and claymore mines. Under 81mm illumination 3/3 reported seeing figures running away. At 2344, M/3/3 fired

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at suspected movement via 180700 and received return fire sustaining 1 WIA (MED EVAC).

28 June: At 0800, 3/3 again commenced moving with 1/3 and 2/3 still holding. At 1210, 1/3/3 at 174706 reported finding and destroying 5 bunkers and 1 250 lb bomb. At 1226, 1/3 reported D Co at 187696 found and destroyed 5 82mm and 1 75mm rounds, and B Co at 193697 found NVA gear and 3 100 lb bombs. Everything was destroyed. At 1415, a marine in 1/3/3 stepped on a dud "FIRECRACKER" round at 181699 resulting in 2 WIA (MED EVAC). By 1500, 1/3 had been helolifted back to the CUA VIET area. At 1725, a marine in E/2/3 tripped a surprise firing device and received minor wounds.

29 June: At 0700, E/2/3 was helolifted to QUANG TRI. At 1030, 3/3 at 143690 found and destroyed 17 fighting holes.

30 June: At 0950, 3d Marines CP displaced from C-2 to MAI KA THI (280668) and 2/3 (-) was lifted to the CUA VIET area via 305681. At 1300, 3d Marines began displacement of the rear CP from CAMP KISTLER to CAMP CARROLL. At 1420, an LVT from 4/1st Amtrac Bn detonated 1 or 2 AT mines via 323720. The LVT caught fire and 4 WIA (MINOR) were sustained. At 2225, 4/1st Amtrac Bn using a M10 observed 20 NVA moving west via 302703 and 309702. A 4.2" mortar mission was fired with unknown results.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- A. COMBAT MISSIONS ASSIGNED
- B. SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS CONDUCTED
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A. Combat Missions Assigned

Basic Mission (NAPOLEON/SALINE). 3d Marines with assigned forces conduct combat operations in your AO on both North and South Banks of CUA VIET and include all tributaries as necessary in order to insure the uninterrupted passage of shipping on the CUA VIET River and to deny enemy access to rocket positions oriented against DONG HA and QUANG TRI. (OpO 5-68).

Supplemental Missions. 3d Marines conducts extensive supplemental operations throughout AO during rice harvest to deny enemy access to rice stores, uncover enemy assembly areas and caches, and deny enemy freedom of movement. 3d Marines also provides local security for equipment and personnel involved in dredging operations on the CUA VIET LOC.

Leatherneck Square Operation. 3d Marines conduct combat operations in Leatherneck Square to locate and destroy enemy forces, fortifications, installations, and supplies.

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B. Significant Operations Conducted. While no significant results were achieved, the operation conducted 25-30 June 1968 in Leatherneck Square was significant for the following reasons:

- (1) This operation marked the first time in over a year that the entire 3d Regiment operated together.
- (2) 2 Battalions were helolifted at the same L-hour from widely separated pickup zones (1/3 - Camp Carroll; 3/3 - Cua Viet) with one Company from each Battalion landing simultaneously. The helolifts were completed without incident in less than 1 hour.
- (3) The Regimental CP and each Battalions D/S battery was displaced to the objective area without incident and was rapidly set up to control/support the operation.
- (4) Despite the lack of enemy contact, this operation planned solely to exploit intelligence, eminently displayed the combat readiness of the 3d Marine Regiment.

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C. Casualties Inflicted On The Enemy

<u>NVA KIA</u>	<u>NVA POW</u>	<u>VC KIA</u>	<u>VC POW</u>
31	0	0	1

D. Casualties Sustained

<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA (MED EVAC)</u>	<u>WIA (MINOR)</u>	<u>MIA</u>
2	20	17	0

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E. How Techniques Employed. None.

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F. Command Relations

(1) At 021015, 3d Marines passed OPCON of Company D, 1st Bn, 9th Marines to 3d MarDiv. (3d Mar msg 020310Z June 68 refers).

(2) At 020730, 3d Marines passed OPCON of Company A and Command Group, 1st Bn, 9th Marines to 3d MarDiv. (3d Mar msg 020452Z June 68 refers).

(3) At 041930, 3d Marines passed OPCON Company C and a Command Group, 1st Bn, 3d Marines to 3d MarDiv. (3d Mar msg 050600Z June 68 refers).

(4) At 050730, 3d Marines passed OPCON Company B, 1st Bn, 3d Marines to 3d MarDiv. (3d Mar msg 050600Z June 68 refers).

(5) At 051000, 3d Marines assumed OPCON of Company C, 1st Bn, 8th Cavalry and Troop A, 3d Squadron, 5th Armored Cavalry from 3d MarDiv. (3d Mar msg 051125Z June 68 refers).

(6) At 051500, 3d Marines passed OPCON Companies A and D plus a Command Group, 1st Bn, 3d Marines to 3d MarDiv. (3d Mar msg 051125Z June 68 refers).

(7) At 141515, 3d Marines passed OPCON of Company L, 3d Bn, 3d Marines to 3d MarDiv. (3d Mar msg 150235Z June 68 refers).

(8) At 171530, 3d Marines passed OPCON of Company A, 1st Bn, 8th Cavalry to 3d MarDiv and assumed OPCON of Company D, 1st Bn, 9th Cavalry from 3d MarDiv. (CG 3d Mar Div msg 180140Z June 68 refers).

(9) At 200730, 3d Marines passed OPCON of Troop A, 3d Squadron, 5th Armored Cavalry to 3d MarDiv and assumed OPCON of Troop C, 3d Squadron, 5th Armored Cavalry from 3d MarDiv. (CG 3d MarDiv msg 210932Z June 68 refers).

(10) At 250900, 3d Marines passed responsibility for Napoleon/Saline AO to 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion. (3d Mar msg 242345Z June 68 refers).

(11) At 251200, 3d Marines assumed OPCON of 2nd Bn, 3d Marines from 3d MarDiv. (CG 3d MarDiv msg 260950Z June 68 refers).

(12) At 251630, 3d Marines assumed OPCON of Company L, 3d Bn, 3d Marines from 3d MarDiv. (CG 3d MarDiv msg 260950Z June 68 refers).

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13. At 251600, 3d Marines assumed OPCON of 1st Bn, 3d Marines and 3rd Bn, 3d Marines from 3d MarDiv.

14. At 290700, 3d Marines passed OPCON of Company E, 2nd Bn, 3d Marines to 3d MarDiv.

15. At 291500, 3d Marines passed OPCON of Company D, 1st Bn, 3d Marines to 3d MarDiv.

16. At 300800, 3d Marines passed OPCON of 3d Bn, 3d Marines to 3d MarDiv.

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G. EQUIPMENT. Allowance of T/E equipment supporting Headquarters Third Marines was considered adequate. No recommendations for modification of allowances were received during this period.

H. LOGISTICS.

I. GENERAL. Logistically, June was a problem month. Transportation of supplies and equipment to and from units in the Cua Viet area was difficult due to non-availability of sufficient river transportation. Deadlining of certain vehicles and pieces of equipment also presented problems. Some of these problems have been solved while others are pending action. Helicopter transportation was vastly improved.

2. SUPPLY

(a) The Regimental Supply Distribution Point, established at the mouth of the Cua Viet River was closed on the 20th of June. The remaining Class I and V Supplies were distributed to the Op-Con Battalions of the 3d Marines.

(b) FLSG-B at Dong Ha remained the primary source for all classes of supplies.

(c) Problems continued to exist in obtaining certain class II items such as repair parts for motor transport and communications equipment. Generally all other classes of supply were available providing transportation could be arranged to deliver the items were needed.

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3. EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATION. The Regimental Aid Station provided routine medical treatment and emergency first aid. Serious cases were evacuated to D-Medical Company for treatment and further evacuation.

4. TRANSPORTATION

(a) Water transportation was supplied by Division Embarkation who in turn controlled (1) or (2) LCM 8's. During this period 3d Marines experienced a great many problems acquiring the support from Division Embarkation on fragging the LCM 8's for the movement of deadline equipment, Classes I and V for resupply and movement, and equipment for the Op-Con Battalions up and down the Qua Viet River. There was very little communications between the Embarkation personnel aboard the mike boats and 3d Marines S-4 for the coordination of the required support on the day the LCM 8's were fragged for.

(b) Skimmers and fire team Assault boats were maintained by 3d Marines boat section until the 29th of June. The skimmers and Fire Team Assault boats were turned over to the 1st Marine Regiment.

(c) The Headquarters Company Motor Transport Section acquired the new M151A1 Jeep to replace the $\frac{1}{2}$ ton "Mighty Mite" for the general support of the Regimental Headquarters. During this period the Motor Transport Section lost the support of the (8) $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton trucks from BLT 2/4. 3d Marines experienced some difficulty without the use of the $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton

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trucks, until Division G-4 provided (2) 2½ ton trucks from 3d Motors.

5. SERVICE

(a) Construction. No major construction was accomplished during this period. Minor construction consisted of repairs and improvements to existing facilities.

(b) Maintenance. Problems continued to exist in obtaining certain first and second echelon repair parts.

(c) Laundry. Service from the Vietnamese civilian establishment in Dong Ha remained satisfactory.

(d) Sanitation. Problem areas have been eliminated and frequent inspections insure that sanitation continues to be satisfactory.

6. ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES. B Company, 3d Engineer Bn remained in direct support and provided excellent engineer assistance during the period.

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I. Civic Action(1) Significant Activities

(a) On 5 June the refugees on the island (YD318682) moved to the north bank into the resettlement area. Each of the 410 families received 10 sheets of tin to rebuild. The move was completed on 7 June.

(b) On 16 June a tour was conducted for 11 Marines through PHO HOI hamlet and the VN Junk Base. The tour was held again the following Sunday for 13 Marines.

(c) On 27 June the new PF/village headquarters for TRIEU VAN village was dedicated. Village dignitaries and representatives from district and 3d Marines attended the ceremony.

(d) On 30 June a hand pump was given to the people of PHO HOI and they installed it in one of their wells. The people are enthusiastic about using it.

(e) This month 10 MEDCAPS were held; 8 by 1st Amtracs, 1 by 3/3, and 1 by Army 1/9.

(2) Materials Distributed

(a) As an expression of help for the loss of their homes in THANH XUAN PHUONG (YD340665) 75 lbs of clothing were distributed to 20 families.

(b) Three resettlement kits were given to the people in the resettlement area (YD330697).

(3) Special Civic Affairs Projects

(a) The weekly class and tour through PHO HOI was initiated this month. Highlights were visiting the PF/village headquarters, the market place, a home, and playing a game of volleyball with the Vietnamese at the Junk Base.

(4) Apparent Results of Civil Affairs Program

(a) The Vietnamese have become more receptive to U.S. personnel and tend to cooperate more with us.

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(1) Administrative personnel received on the job training during June 1968.

(2) Staff Studies and Estimates. None

(3) Local Newspaper. None

K. Personnel

(1) Summary

MOS's:

(a) There is a critical shortage in the following

9910 - Captain (Assist G-3)
9999 - First Sergeant
0369 - Master Gunnery Sergeant

(b) Photos. None

(c) Discipline.

(1) Court Martials. None

(2) Non-Judicial Punishment. Two (2)

(d) Morale, PX, Postal, Liberty, and R & R.

(1) Morale. The morale continues to be excellent.

(2) PX. The Marine Exchange at Cua Viet continued to carry the basic supplies for health and comfort.

(3) Postal. The units located at the Cua Viet Waterway were served by Postal Unit 12 from the 3d Marine Division Post Office.

(4) Liberty. None

(5) R & R. Quotas for out-of-country and in-country R & R were sufficient. R & R continues to enhance the morale of personnel.

(6) Special Services. Movies were shown each night that the tactical situation permitted.

SECRET(2) Chaplain(a) Sunday Services.

(1) Protestant - 15, attendance - 185

(2) Catholic - 4, attendance - 44

(b) Memorial Services. None(c) Field Services. 4, attendance 65(d) Bible Study Classes. 3, attendance 16(e) Professional Counseling Interviews. 18

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L. Intelligence

1. Significant Events. During June, the enemy avoided major contact with the 3d Marines. In the Napoleon/Saline AO, there was a record number of sighting incidents where the enemy did not fire or return fire, while small arms incidents reached a new low. In the 3d Marine Regiment's operations in Leatherneck Square, there were only three contacts.

a. There were 12 minor enemy contacts in the Napoleon/Saline AO. Of these, 7 occurred during the period 19-22 June, but these were widely scattered geographically and did not appear to be coordinated by the enemy. There were small arms incidents believed to be initiated by local Viet Cong guerrillas. On all 12 occasions, the enemy fired and fled.

b. Sightings in the Napoleon/Saline AO formed a definite pattern. They revealed that the enemy was moving north, both over the desert in the northeast portion of the AO and around the northwestern boundary of the AO. Very little movement south was discerned. The northward movement was in small groups. The average group numbered 11 people. Groups were largest during the first eight days of June, and thereafter dwindled in size. The movement may have been enemy units moving north in small groups to reorganize and resupply; or it may have been walking wounded, from engagements farther south, withdrawing in small groups to field hospitals north of the Ben Hai River. All of this movement was at night.

c. Incidents of incoming artillery also reached a new low in the Napoleon/Saline AO, but their effectiveness increased. Fuel or ammunition storage areas were repeatedly struck at Camp Kistler. Artillery fire varied in size from 85mm to 152mm. No mortar or rocket fire was received.

d. In Leatherneck Square, the enemy either withdrew as the 3d Marines arrived, or he was able to remain concealed and unlocated. Reports of enemy elements located near our troops were received from usually reliable sources throughout the operation, but these enemy elements were never found. The enemy elements reported may only have consisted of observers assigned to watch the movements and report the positions of our troops.

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2. Contacts and Incidents

	<u>DAY</u>	<u>Night</u>	<u>Total</u>
a. <u>Small Arms/Snipers</u>			
(1) Napoleon/Saline			
3d Bn, 3d Mar	3	1	4
1st Antrac Bn	3	5	8
(2) Leatherneck Square			
3d Bn, 3d Mar	1	2	3
(3) Total for month	7	8	15
b. <u>Grenades</u>	0	0	0
c. <u>Mines</u>			
(1) Napoleon/Saline			
3d Bn, 3d Mar	1	0	1
1st Antrac Bn	4	0	4
(2) Leatherneck Square			
1st Bn, 3d Mar	7	0	7
(3) Total for month	12	0	12
d. <u>Booby Traps</u>			
(1) Napoleon/Saline			
3d Bn, 3d Mar	2	0	2
(2) Leatherneck Square			
1st Bn, 3d Mar	4	0	4
2nd Bn, 3d Mar	2	0	2
(3) Total for month	8	0	8
e. Sightings - Where Enemy Did Not Fire or Return Fire.			
(1) Napoleon/Saline			
3d Bn, 3d Mar	7	8	15
1st Antrac Bn	5	39	54

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	<u>Day</u>	<u>Night</u>	<u>Total</u>
(2) Leatherneck Square 3d Bn, 3d Mar	0	1	1
(3) Total for month	12	48	60
f. Mortar/Arty/Rocket Fire			
(1) Napoleon/Saline Hq 3d Mar&1st Amtr Bn	3	5	8
3d Bn, 3d Mar	5	0	5
(2) Leatherneck Square 3d Bn, 3d Mar	0	1	1
(3) Total for the month	8	6	14
g. Unidentified Flying Lights (Possible Helicopters) Observed			
(1) Napoleon/Saline 1st Amtrac Bn	0	5	5
(2) Leatherneck Square 3d Bn, 3d Mar	0	1	1
(3) Total for the month	0	6	6
3. <u>Enemy Losses</u>			
a. Personnel	<u>N/S</u>	<u>LS</u>	<u>Total</u>
(1) Confirmed NVA/VC	22	9	31
KIA			
(2) VC POW	1	0	1
(3) Detainees (Unclass)	6	0	6
(4) Detainees Released as innocent civilians	5	0	5
b. <u>Material</u>			
(1) <u>Weapons</u>			
(a) AK-47	8		
(b) SKS	3		
(c) 9mm Pistol	2		
(d) 45 cal Pistol	1		

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(2)	<u>Ammunition</u>	<u>N/S</u>	<u>LS</u>	<u>Total</u>
(a)	7.62mm rounds	770	200	970
(b)	12.7mm rounds	200		200
(c)	APG-2 rounds	76	9	85
(d)	82mm mortar rnds	70	40	110
(e)	60mm mortar rnds	64	31	95
(f)	8" rounds	48		48
(g)	2.75" rockets	14		14
(h)	60mm mortar fuzes	13	2	15
(i)	APG-2 boosters	12		12
(j)	APG-7 rounds	10		10
(k)	57mm AA rounds	5	1	6
(l)	140mm rockets	2		2
(m)	Rifle grenades	13	20	33
(n)	82mm mortar fuzes		8	8
(o)	75mm AA rounds		1	1

(3)	<u>Explosives</u>			
(a)	CHICOM grenades	99	13	112
(b)	TNT (lbs)	26	7	33
(c)	Timo fuze (ft)	20		20
(d)	Satchel charge	19		19
(e)	Blasting caps	15		15
(f)	C-4 (lbs)	14		14
(g)	U.S. arty duds	8	2	10
(h)	U.S. bombs	7	1	8
(i)	U.S. grenades	2	4	6
(j)	T-41 AT mines	2	4	6
(k)	Bangalore torpedoes	2		2
(l)	CHICOM claymores		6	6

(4)	<u>Weapons Accessories</u>			
(a)	60mm mortar base-plate	1	1	2
(b)	AN-47 magazines	13		13
(c)	RPD drum magazine	1	1	2
(d)	FMG mount	1		1

(5)	<u>Individual Equipment</u>			
(a)	Gas mask	1	25	26
(b)	Pack	14	11	25

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	<u>N/S</u>	<u>LS</u>	<u>Total</u>
(c) Poncho	4		4
(d) Flashlight		2	2
(e) Gas mask filter		2	2
(f) Entrenching tool	2	1	3
(g) Helmet	1		1
(h) Rainsuit	1		1
(i) Canteen	2		2
(j) Messgear	2		2
(k) Poncho		1	1
(l) Pick		1	1
(m) Hammocks	2		2
(n) Assorted clothing			
(6) <u>Communications Equipment</u>			
(a) Radios	1		1
(b) Headsets	4		4
(c) Batteries	4		4
(7) <u>Medical Supplies</u>			
(a) Battle dressing	3		3
(b) U/I medicine	3		3
(8) <u>Documents</u>	5	20	25
(9) <u>Rice (lbs)</u>	375		375
(10) <u>Fortifications and Positions</u>			
(a) Bunkers	88	145	233
(b) Holes	7	62	69

4. Enemy Observed

<u>Size of Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
10-12	297713-303703	1
10-15	293719	1
10-15	294715	1
10-15	296727	1
20-30	290713	2
1	262634	2
15	299726	2
15	301699	2
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Size of Unit	Location	Date (Y)
1-2	301779	3
3	267703	4
10-20	303744	4
20	278710 (EE)	5
12	290715	6
1	274709	6
7-10	276775	7
21	299697-304698	7
3	310685	7
10	298747	8
4-6	291717	9
6	330705	9
6	330705	10
8-10	282693	11
6-7	376648	11
3	327694	12
9	266756	13
10	272750	13
5	258626	13
3	275755	14
2	265707	14
6	270784	15
3	286724	15
1	291650	16
6-7	376648	16
4	297652	16
2	335693	16
6	287757	17
4	267703	17
18	280750	17
3	267708	17
12	285746	18
7	298716	18
1	346620	18
15-20	350673	19
8-10	250832	19
10-15	286756	19
15-20	350673	19
2	263704	19
7	268699	20
3	290718	20
6	267704	20
4	282751	20
5-10	245706	20
6	278746	20
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<u>Size of Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	347683	21
8	350679	21
5	355648	21
2	312731	21
3	347683	21
2	282707	22
3	310728	22
2	317732	22
1	271704	22
15	253815	22
5-8	325705	22
10	253813	23
10-15	291719	24
10	286709	24
10-15	173695	26
4	195709	27
20	302703	30

5. Trend. Summary of incidents on a monthly basis for past 3 months.

	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>
SAF	39	33	15
Surprise firing devices	14	9	8
Mines	15	9	12
Grenades	7	3	0
Mortar/Arty/Rocket Fire	29	62	14
Movement W/O Fire	3	26	60
Engagements	11	10	0
Assassinations	0	0	0
Sabotage	0	0	0
Kidnappings	1	0	0
Comm Interference	0	0	0
Demonstrations	0	0	0
Intimidation	0	0	0
Rewards Paid	12	2	0
Miscellaneous	2	1	6
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>133</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>115</u>

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A. Communications(1) General

(a) During the month of June, communications were maintained in support of the Third Marine Regiment.

(b) During this period of time, the Regimental repair shop received 149 pieces of communications equipment for repair. Of these 108 were repaired by the Regimental tech shop and 48 were evacuated to higher echelon for repair.

(c) The Regimental message Center processed a total of 1692 messages. Of the total 1153 incoming and 334 outgoing were processed electrically. 105 were delivered by courier.

(2) Sequential Listing of Events

25 June - Alpha Command Group moved out to C-2 with two officers, the communications officer and the assistant communications officer, and 18 enlisted to support the Regiment operating in the field for the remainder of the month.

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N. Weather

a. Weather during the month of June was generally hot and clear, but there were some scattered thundershowers.

b. The major effect of the weather was heat casualties. Aerial and ground observation was never limited, except for a few minutes during showers.

c. Statistics were as follows:

	<u>Napoleon/Saline</u>	<u>Leatherneck Square</u>
(1) Average High temp	96	95
(2) Average Low temp	79	81
(3) Average humidity	73%	66%

d. In comparison to May, June's maximum temperatures were slightly lower while the minimum temperatures were slightly higher. Humidity decreased, showers were more frequent.

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0. Fire Support1. Units Providing Artillery Support(a) Direct Support

C Battery, 1/11 1-3 June 1968
 I Battery, 3/12 1-14 June 1968
 H Battery, 3/12 1-23 June 1968
 C Battery, 1/12 23-30 June 1968
 A Battery, 1/12 25-30 June 1968
 B Battery, 1/12 25-30 June 1968
 W Battery, 3/12 1-16 June 1968
 3d Plt., 1st Armored Amphibious Co. 1-30
 June 1968
 Detachment, W Battery, 1/12 1-30 June 1968

(b) General Support - Reinforcing

12th Marines - General Support
 C Battery, 1/40th Arty. Bn., U.S.A. 25-30
 June 1968 - Reinforcing

2. Significant Displacements

H Battery, 3/12 displaced from 215675 to 346694 on
 18 June 1968.
 W Battery, 3/12 displaced from 280688 to 309541 on
 16 June 1968.
 C Battery, 1/12 displaced from 015458 to 346694 on
 23 June 1968.
 C Battery, 1/12 displaced from 346694 to 288671 on
 24 June 1968.
 A Battery, 1/12 displaced from Thon Som Lam to
 143715 on 25 June 1968.

3. Missions Fired

<u>Operation Napoleon/Saline</u>	<u>Special Op/Leatherneck</u>	<u>Square</u>
Observed	211	120
Unobserved	325	57
Harassing & Interdiction	785	169
Total	1321	346

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4. Ammunition Expended

	<u>Operation Napoleon/Saline</u>	<u>Special Operation</u>
105mm HE	6543	3892
WP	228	186
Ill	46	33
HC Smoke	35	10
CoFram	206	00
107mm HE	2805	
WP	32	
Ill	53	
155mm HE	54	
Totals	10,002	4,121

5. Naval Gunfire Support(A) Mission:

Call Fire - 197 (7,235 rounds expended)
H&I's - 1,893 (12,446 rounds expended)

(B) Damage Assessment:

26 bunkers destroyed
2 concrete structures destroyed
12 structures destroyed
18 secondary explosions
3 bunkers damaged
1 concrete structures damaged
11 structures damaged
6 sampans damaged

6. Significant Missions

At 022358 June 1968, C/1/11 fired 18 rounds HE at 29407279 for 1st Amtrac Bn. Surveillance was 7 Probable KIA.

At 091410 June 1968, 3d Plt 1st Amd. Amphib. Co. destroyed 10 bunkers for 3d Marines (283760).

At 091915 June 1968, 3d Plt 1st Amd. Amphib. Co destroyed 5 bunkers for 3d Marines (283760).

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At 11 25 June 1968, 3d Plt 1st And Amphib Co received 2 probable KIA's on a mission for 3/3 (282695).

7. Control and Coordination

The 3/12 CP, FDC, and FSOC were located at Cua Viet Port Facility (349681) 1-24 June 1968. These units displaced to the C-2 base camp (134645) on 25 June 1968 with the 3d Marine command group for a special operation in the Operation Kentucky area of responsibility. 3/12 continued support of the Napoleon/Saline operation by leaving personnel with the 1st Amtrac Bn FSOC and an FSOC and an FDC with the 3d Plt 1st And Amphib Co. On 25 June 1968 Battery Group Charlie was formed as a subordinate unit of 3/12 for control of the Napoleon/Saline AO with the 1st Amtrac Bn FSOC as the coordination agency. (C/1/12, 3d Plt 1st And Amphib Co, and Detachment, W/1/12 composed Battery Group Charlie.

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P. Air Support

(1) The month of June, while lighter in all phases of activity than May, did have events of some significance. Most noteworthy of monthly activity was movement by the Regiment from the eastern area of 3d MarDiv Operations to the Leatherneck Square area. Air Support provided by MAG-36 and MAG-39 contributed to the mobility of the entire Regiment. The high point of the Leatherneck Square operation was a Regiment assaulting by helicopter with fixed wing strikes, observation, gunships, and C&C HULB aircraft assisting the assault. This operation ranks as one of the largest of its kind to date and was a total success.

Regimental helo air support was provided by MAG-36 and MAG-39; MAG-11, MAG-12 and MAG-13 provided fixed wing support as well as 7th Air Force units.

(2) Breakdown of air activities.

A. MED EVACS

	<u>3d Mar</u>	<u>1/3</u>	<u>2/3</u>	<u>3/3</u>	<u>1st Amtr</u>	<u>4/3/5 (USA)</u>	<u>Totals</u>
WIA	2	0	2	9	0	0	13
ILL	7	23	30	34	0	0	94
NBC	5	2	0	19	0	0	26
MIA	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
VC/NVA MIA	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
CIV WIA	6	1	0	0	0	0	7
CIV NBC	2	0	0	0	1	0	3
CIV ILL	1	0	0	0	1	0	2

B. CAS

<u>Flights</u>	<u>A/C</u>	<u>Ordnance</u>
19	38	89,300 lbs.

C. CSS/TPs

<u>Flights</u>	<u>A/C</u>	<u>Ordnance</u>
51	57	187,150 lbs.

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D. Resupply

D/1/9 (USA) 9,000
 1/3 30,600
 2/3 73,000
 3/3 550,300
 Totals 662,900 lbs.

E. Observation

3d MarDiv - 38 Flights 39½ hrs.; 12th Mar - 7 Flights 6 hrs.; Totals: 45 Flights 45½ hrs.

F. Gunships

<u>Flights</u>	<u>A/C</u>	<u>Ordnance</u>
9	13	126 rockets expended

G. Command and Control

	<u>Flights</u>	<u>A/C</u>	<u>PAX.</u>	<u>V/R</u>	<u>Gear</u>
3d Mar	23	46	209	7	75 lbs mail
1/3	3	6	14	0	100 lbs Comm gear
2/3	1	2	8	0	300 lbs mail
3/3	9	18	64	5	
4/3/5 (USA)	1	2	0	1	
D/1/9 (USA)	1	2	0	1	1000 lbs mail
	<u>38</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>295</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>1475 gear</u>

Total of 23 flights 46 A/C received by 3d Mar. Utilized by 3d Mar and ORCON units to shuttle 295 Pax. conduct 14 V/R's and carry 1475 lbs gear.

1,234 control functions average = 41 per day
 high - 109, 3 June low - 26, 6 June

H. Miscel.Psywar Aircraft

4 Flights 3½ hrs.

Troop Lifts

5 Co. lifts
 3 Bn. lifts
 1 Regt. lift
 1 Regt. Com. Grp. lift
 2 Gun Btry lifts

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Q. Activations/Deactivations/Redesignations. None.

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R. Psychological Operations.

No significant psychological operations were conducted during the month of June.

Third Marines continued to employ Kit Carson Scouts with OPCON battalions. Though the KCS still proved to be valuable to their units, two problems were encountered this month. One scout attached to 3/3 went UA while a scout attached to 1st Amtrac Bn was accused of aiding VC. Both incidents are under investigation.

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S. Training

(1) Objective. To develop individuals and units to the state of operational readiness requisite to successful combat operations in RVN.

(2) Highlights

(a) One Lieutenant attended the 15th Division Personal Response Course in QUANG TRI.

(b) One Staff Sergeant, one Sergeant, and two Privates First Class attended Ground Surveillance Radar School in DANANG.

(c) One Private First Class is attending Basic Ammo Tech School in OKINAWA.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Staff Journals 01 June - 30 June 1968.

✓ TAB A - Inq. 180105 - Multi. Regts Opns in Lancaster II AO
✓ TAB B - Inq. 251200 - FRAG ORDER 13-48

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MULTI-REGT OPNS IN LANCASTER II AO

A: CG TF HOTEL MSG 151510Z MAY 68

1. AS REQ BY REF A FOL ANALYSIS AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS SUBMITTED AS THEY APPLY TO 3D MAR Z/A.

2. ANALYSIS OF PLANS.

A. BOTH PLANS

1. BOTH PLANS ESSENTIALLY INVOLVE A DIVISION SIZED OPERATIONS: I.E. THREE REGTS IN THE ATTACK. ALL THREE BNS SHOULD BE AVAIL TO REGT CMDR WITH RESERVE PROVIDED FROM OUTSIDE

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ASSAULT FORCES. PLANNING SHOULD PROVIDE THAT OTHER OPERATIONS THAT WOULD DRAWDOWN ON AVAIL ASSETS SHOULD BE SUSPENDED OF TERMINATED.

2. STAGING OF FORCES SHOULD BE PLANNED TO ELIMINATE OR MINIMIZE CONTROL PROBLEMS IN EXECUTION. THUS PHASE OUT OF CURRENT OPS SHOULD BE COORDINATED WITH SCHEME FOR THIS OPN AND TIME SHOULD BE PROVIDED FOR TURNOVER OF AO'S, BRIEFING/ PREPARATION BY PARTICIPATING FORCES AND STAGING OF REQUIRED ASSETS.

3. SUPPRESSIVE FIRES NORTH OF SOUTHERN BDRY DMZ MUST BE PLANNED AND CONTROLLED AT DIVISION/TF LEVEL TO PREVENT ENEMY INTERFERENCE WITH ATTACKING FORCES. PLANS SHOULD ALSO PROVIDE FOR FIGHTING NORTH INTO DMZ IF REQUIRED.

4. BASED ON PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH A SIMILAR OPN (OPN HICKORY-MAY/JUN 67), COORD OF AIR AND ARTY WILL BE THE MOST DIFFICULT PROBLEM TO SOLVE. FIRE SUPPORT PLANS MUST PROVIDE D/S ARTY WITHIN Z/A'S AND ELIMINATE FIRES ACROSS BOUNDARIES TO MAX EXTENT FEASIBLE. CONTROL AND COORDINATION OF HELD ASSAULT MAY ALSO REQUIRE AN HHC (AIRBORNE) SINCE CHARGING IN APPROACH DEFERMENT LANES AND LZ'S CAN BE EXPECTED.

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5. FOR BOTH PLANS MISSION SHOULD BE EXPLICIT AS REGARDS TYPE OF SEARCH DESIRED: DETAILED, DELIBERATE SEARCH OF ENTIRE Z/A OR ASSAULT OF KEY TERRAIN EMPHASIZING SPEED/SHOCK TO FIX AND DESTROY EN FORCES. FOLLOWING COMMENTS ASSUME MISSION TO PERFORM DETAILED SEARCH WITH NO TIME LIMITATION.

B. PLAN NR 1.

1. MORE EASILY COORDINATED AND CONTROLLED. PROVIDES GOOD BLOCK OF ESCAPE ROUTES. UTILIZES ALL FORCES AVAIL. BELIEVE ARVN REGT SHOULD ALSO ATTACK ON D-DAY TO IMPROVE BLOCKADE OF WEST ESCAPE ROUTE.

2. Z/A ABOUT 5 KMS WIDE IS ABOUT AS LARGE AS CAN BE THOROUGHLY SEARCHED BY TWO BNS ABREAST. BOUNDARIES APPEAR TO BE SUFFICIENTLY INDENTIFIABLE.

*will probably be
3 Bns abreast*

3. REQUIRES CROSS-COMPARTMENT ATTACK BUT PHASE LINES EASILY IDENTIFIED.

4. DEPENDS UPON THE CONCENTRATED FIRES OF ARCLIGHT STRIKES OF DOMINANT TERRAIN. IF ARCLIGHT PROVIDED DO NOT MEET REQUIREMENT, A RADICAL CHANGE IN FIRE SUPPORT PLAN WILL BE NECESSARY.

5. 3D BN SHOULD BE AVAIL TO 3D MAR AS RESERVE TO

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REINFORCE THE 2 ASSAULT BNS OR AS HELD FORCES TO CROSS PL ALFA.

C. PLAN 2.

1. MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TO COORDINATE AND CONTROL. EMPLOYMENT OF SUPPORTING ARMS, ESPECIALLY ARCLIGHTS, POSES MORE PROBLEMS THAN PLAN 1.

2. RESERVE TAKEN FROM 3D MAR INITIALLY, ALTHOUGH 9TH MAR NOT COMMITTED UNTILL D-2.

3. Z/A ABOUT SAME SIZE AS PLAN 1. BOUNDARIES APPEAR AS EASILY INDENTIFIED. PHASE LINES HARD TO INDENTIFY. BELIEVE PL BRAVO SHOULD BE ELIMINATED IN 3D MAR Z/A WHERE IT CROSSES PL ALFA. IF PL BRAVO ELIMINATED PLAN 2 BECOMES ESSENTIALLY SIMILAR TO PLAN 1 HAVING 2 REGTS INITIALLY BLOCKING NORTH ESCAPE ROUTES AND THEN ATTACKING N-S CROSS-COMPARTMENT.

4. IF PL BRAVO NOT ELIMINATED, AN ESCAPE ROUTE IS LEFT OPEN ALONG A HEAVILY USED INFILTRATION TRAIL BETWEEN PL BRAVO AND BOUNDARY BETWEEN 3D MAR/2ND ARVN.

5. FORS NOT EMPLOY ALL FORCES AVAIL SINCE 3D MAR

WOULD BE HELD TO CROSSING PL CHARLIE. LEAVES ESCAPE

ROUTE OPEN UNTILL 9TH MAR COMMITTED D-2.

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A. ONE 105MM BTRY IN D/S ASSAULT BNS TO BE ESTABLISHED IN INITIAL OBJ AREA AND ONE 4.2 MORTAR BTRY WITH REINFMENTAL RESERVE CAN PROVIDE REQUIRED SUPPORT WITH MINIMUM ENGR EFFORT. REMAINING 2D/S BTRYS LOCATED AT CAMP CARROLL.

B. REQUIRE 155MM HOW BTRY ASSIGNED REINF MISSION FIRING FROM C-2. ALTHOUGH CROSSING OVER ANOTHER REGT Z/A FIRES WILL BE MORE EFFECTIVE FROM C-2 THAN FROM CAMP CARROLL.

C. SUFFICIENT HELOS REQUIRED TO LIFT MINIMUM OF 2 RIFLE COMPANIES SIMULTANEOUSLY ON D-DAY (ONE CO FROM EACH ASSAULT BN). ESTIMATE 10 CH-46'S REQUIRED TO LIFT ONE COMPANY WITH AT LEAST 2 GUNSHIP ESCORTS. ARTY BTRYS MUST BE LIFTED WITH SUPPORTED BN'S. 105MM HOW BTRY WILL REQUIRE CH-53 LIFT.

D. TO PREP OBJECTIVE AREAS ARCLIGHT TGT BOXES (1X2 KM) WILL BE REQUESTED FOR STRIKE H-2 HOURS. FOR ARCLIGHTS AFTER D-DAY DESIRE TO USE 2KM SAFETY FACTOR SINCE TROOPS WILL BE SHOWN AND PARTIALLY PROTECTED (FOXHOLES).

E. TACA/AL REQUIRED ON STATION IN Z/A DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS. IN ADDITION, 2 COMMAND & CONTROL HELOS DESIRED DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS. DESIRE UNIES WITH APPROPRIATE COMMUNICATIONS TO PERMIT

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ORDERS TO CONTROL ASSAULTS PREP FIRES, MAINTAIN RADIO COMM WITH UNITS IN DEFILE AND PROVIDE COURIER SERVICE.

F. IN VIEW OF NUMBER OF HELOS THAT WILL BE OPERATING IN AREA, RECOMMEND ELIMINATION OF 2 HELO RULE. SUGGEST ORGANIZING A SAR/VED EVAC UNIT OF UH34/UH1E HELOS TO MAINTAIN A SAR TEAM ON STATION.

G. REQUIRED MOZAIC PHOT COVERAGE OF Z/A SEKYYKTAUVDAY AS POSSIBLE.

H. PLANS 1 AND 2 APPEAR EQUALLY SUPPORTABLE LOGISTICALLY FROM LBA DONG HA PROVIDING SUFFICIENT HELO AVAILABILITY TO ACCOMPLISH EXTERNAL LOAD RESUPPLY. AFTER ASSAULTS AND INSERTION OF D/S ARTY, ESTIMATE 4 CH-46 HELOS WITH 2 GUNSHIPS CAN 7 RESUPPLY THE REGIMENT PLUS ARTY BTRYS. RECOMMEND UH34 OR UH1E HELOS PROVIDE MED EVAC SERVICE (SEE PARA 3.E ABOVE) TO AVOID OVERSTRESS OF RESUPPLY HELOS.

I. PLANS 1 AND 2 APPEAR EQUALLY SUPPORTABLE FROM A CENTRAL POSITION VIEW. 3D MAR PREFERS TO RELOCATE COMD GRP TO CAMP CARROLL. IF 3D MAR CAN ESTABLISH COMD GRP AT CAMP CARROLL, 3D MAR CAN MAINTAIN A HIGH RATE OF TELETYPE TRAFFIC FOR FACILITIES LOCATED AT CAMP CARROLL.

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ALSO PROVIDE BEST AVAIL SITE FROM WHICH TO COMMUNICATE OVER
THE TERRAIN IN OUR Z/A. IF C AND C HELO'S ARE PROVIDED OUR CONTINUOUS
COMMUNICATIONS WITH SUBORDINATE UNITS COULD BE ASSURED.

J. A PSYOPS LOUDSPEAKER PLANE (2-2) WILL BE REQUESTED ON
STRIP ALERT AT QUANG TRI TO EXPLOIT POTENTIAL TARGETS WITH
A MINIMUM OF DELAY. DESIRE CAPABILITY TO BROADCAST LIVE MESSAGES
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LEATHERNECK SQUARE
251200H June 68
Ser No: 003A17768

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Ref: (a) Map: Vietnam 1:50,000, Series L7014, Sheet 6442IV
(b) CG 3d MarDiv msg 240954Z Jun 68
(c) CG 3d MarDiv msg 220525Z May 68
(d) LOI 1-67
(e) DivO P02000.2G (COI)
(f) DivO P4000.1D

Time Zone: B

TASK ORGANIZATION3d Marines (Reinf)

Col HULL

Hq Co, 3d Marines

1st Bn, 3d Marines (-)

Maj ROCHFORD

2nd Bn, 3d Marines

LCol DAVIS

3d Bn, 3d Marines

LCol MARSH

2. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Annex B, C, D, Current Perintreps and Intsums.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 9th Marines continues operations in Kentucky AO.

(2) 2nd ARVN Regt continues operations in assigned AO east of 3d Marines. Blocking force will be established on 3d Mar/ 2nd ARVN boundary as requested.

(3) 12th Marines provides general support/reinforcing artillery support.

(4) 1st MAW provides fixed/rotary wing air support as requested.

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(5) 3d Bn, 12th Marines provides direct support artillery fires.

(6) Co B, 3d Engr Bn provides combat engineer support.

2. MISSION. 3d Marines conduct combat operations in Leatherneck Square to locate and destroy enemy forces, fortifications, installations and supplies.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations.

(1) Annex A (operation overlay).

(2) Combined heliborne and ground assaults designed to locate, fix and cordon off enemy forces, destroy him by supporting fires and search out cordoned area for prisoners, weapons, supplies, fortifications and pockets of resistance.

b. 1st Bn, 3d Mar

(1) At L-hour, conduct heliborne assault from PZ at Camp Carroll into vic LZ XRAY.

(2) Upon consolidation in LZ commence attack to east to locate and fix enemy forces.

(3) Chop one company to 1st Amtrac Bn on 25 June to provide security for artillery position vic Mai Xa Thi.

c. 2nd Bn, 3d Mar

(1) At H-hour, commence attack along assigned axis to north to locate and fix enemy forces.

(2) Designate one company to be prepared for employment as Regimental Reserve, not to be committed without approval of Regimental Commander.

d. 3d Bn, 3d Mar

(1) At L-hour, conduct heliborne assault from PZ at Mai Xa Chanh (YD 282668) into vic LZ YANKEE.

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(2) Upon consolidation in LZ commence attack to southeast/south along assigned axis to locate and fix enemy forces.

e. Regimental Reserve.

(1) Initially, one company from 2nd Bn, 3d Mar prepared for employment by foot or helo anywhere in 3d Mar AO.

(2) Subsequently, and more probably, forces provided by CG, 3d MarDiv will be employed to assist in closure of corridor or block escape routes as required.

f. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H-hour - 260700H Jun 68 (tentative)

(2) L-hour - 260900H Jun 68 (tentative)

(3) Emphasize use of supporting arms to max extent IAW policy contained REF C. Be prepared to employ RCA and Firecracker munitions on appropriate targets.

(4) Report trace of front line positions hourly on Regt Tac #1 utilizing Thrust Points. Report IAW following schedule:

- 1/3 - hourly on hour.
- 2/3 - hourly on hour + 05 min.
- 3/3 - hourly on hour + 10 min.

All units be alert to copy adjacent units positions.

(5) Send Spotreps/Sitreps via Regt Tac #2. Six-hour sitreps due 0500, 1100, 1700 and 2300.

(6) LZ's XRAY and YANKIE are general locations only. Specific LZ's, as well as approach/retirement lanes, will be selected jointly by Bn Cmdrs and Helo Flight Leaders.

(7) Plan alternate LZ's for heliborne assaults and be prepared to extract initial forces from hot LZ's which may become untenable.

(8) Be prepared to mark frontline positions with air parcels and/or smoke when requested by TACA/AO/Gunships.

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4. ADMINISTRATION/LOGISTICS.

- a. No change from refs D and F.
- b. Plan all resupply by helo fragged through Div LOC.
- c. Submit required reports to 3d Mar rear at Cua Viet.

5. COMM/COMM-ELECT

- a. No change.
- b. Regt Tac #1 reserved for command/operational traffic with Tac #2 utilized for routine traffic and reports.
- c. 3d Mar CP established at C-2 via YD 136644.
- d. Following Thrust Points established for this operation effective 251200H Jun68:

States - YD 2070
 Planets - YD 1569
 Animals - YD 1767
 Colors - YD 1965

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ANNEXES:

- A - Operations Overlay
- B - Recent Incidents Overlay
- C - AGENT/URS Reports Overlay
- D - Rocket/Arty/Mortar Position Overlay

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PERISHABLE INFORMATION, NDO NOT SERVICED
 OPERATION NAPOLEON /SALINE
 SITREP NR 393 FM 081801 H TO 082400H JUNE 68
 1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE.
 WM SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
 2. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED NIGHT

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AMBUSHES, PATROLS, AND LPSM

B. C2, D4, J10, K1, L1, AA4, BB2, CC1, EE1.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

5. PLANS

A. ALL UNITS TO MAINTAIN POSITIONS AND CONTINUE TO CONDUCT SCHEDULED NIGHT ACTIVITIES.

B. C2, D4, K1, J10, K1, L2, UQN W1, NAA1, BB1, CC1, EE1, GG.

G. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY

(1) 368 KIA

(2) 1501 MIA (MED EVAL)

(3) 388 MIA (MINOR)

(4) 1 MIA

B. REFUGEE: NONE

C. ENEMY

(1) 3687 MIA KIA

(2) 77 MIA POW

(3) 66 VC KIA

(4) 8 VC POW

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